



SUDBURY URBAN DISTRICT

OR

BOROUGH OF SUDBURY

IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY OF WEST SUFFOLK

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1951

TO the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the Borough of Sudbury:—

Mr. Mayor, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present for your consideration, the Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the Borough of Sudbury for the year 1951.

In the General Statistics Section it will be noted that the Registrar General estimates a considerable decline in the population of the Borough. To a large extent this would appear to result from the necessity for "overspilling" into an adjoining Rural District.

No special comment seems to be necessary regarding Vital Statistics or the Notifiable Infectious Diseases, and no deaths resulted from Measles, Whooping Cough, or Poliomyelitis. No cases of Diphtheria occurred.

During the year efforts were made to improve cleanliness in the handling of food and notices requesting owners to avoid taking dogs into food shops were distributed.

I wish to record my gratitude to the Town Clerk, Mr. R. Coates, the Borough Surveyor, Mr. C. L. Heyne, and the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. E. H. Kerridge for their assistance during the year reviewed.

I have the honour to be, Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. P. BARCLAY,

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A

1.—General Statistics

Figures in brackets relate to the previous year

Population, Registrar General's Estimate	6318 (6960)	Area 1925 acres
Number of inhabited Houses	2561 (2509)	Rateable Value £36,535 (£36,191)
Sum represented by a penny rate at 31/3/52	£143 7s. 8d. (£141 8s. 11d.)	

2.—Extracts of Vital Statistics for the Year

LIVE BIRTHS TOTAL	M	F			
Legitimate	65 (90)	33 (42)	32 (48)	Crude Live Birth per 1,000 estimated population	10.6 (13.2)
Illegitimate	2 (2)	1 (2)	1 (0)	Adjusted Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population 11.7
Total ..	67 (92)	34 (44)	33 (48)	England and Wales	15.5 (15.8)

STILL BIRTHS

Legitimate	0 (3)	0 (2)	0 (1)	Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population	0.00 (0.43)
Illegitimate	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population, England and Wales	0.36 (0.37)
Total ..	0 (3)	0 (2)	0 (1)		

Illegitimate Birth Rate 2.1%.

SECTION B

A. WATER SUPPLY

An adequate supply of water has been maintained throughout the district. Quarterly bacteriological analyses have been taken, in all cases the results have been excellent. The samples were taken after chlorination, which is carried out as a precautionary measure only.

No chemical analysis was taken during the year. Owing to the extreme hardness of the water there is no danger from dissolved lead.

B. SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Improvements to the sewage disposal works have been carried out including the installation of six rotary distributors on existing filter beds in place of obsolete distribution channels.

This has resulted in a considerably improved effluent.

SECTION C

1. PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

Medical Officer of Health who also acts for other districts.
One Sanitary Inspector, Member of Sanitary Institute.

2. AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The West Suffolk County Council are responsible for the ambulance service which is carried on through the agency of the West Suffolk Branch of the British Red Cross Society.

3. NURSING IN THE HOME

The West Suffolk County Council's Home nursing and midwifery service supply two District Nurses.

4. INFANT WELFARE CENTRES

The West Suffolk County Council provide one centre in the town. A clinic is held weekly at the Youth Club premises, Stour Street, on Thursdays at 2 p.m.

5. HOSPITALS

**St. Leonards.
Walnuttree.**

SECTION E

Prevention of and Control over Infectious Diseases

NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED

DISEASE	CASES NOTIFIED							
Scarlet Fever	0 (12)
Whooping Cough	40 (0)
Measles	6 (3)
Pneumonia	5 (0)
Infective Jaundice	1 (2)
Puerperal Pyrexia	3 (0)
Erysipelas	3 (1)
Poliomyelitis	1 (0)

Figures in parentheses refer to the Year 1950.

AGE OF INCIDENCE

DISEASE	0—	1—	3—	5—	10—	15—	25—
Scarlet Fever ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ..	3	9	13	14	—	—	1
Measles ..	—	3	—	—	2	—	1
Pneumonia ..	—	—	—	1	—	1	3

TUBERCULOSIS

	PULMONARY			NON-PULMONARY			TOTAL
	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	
Number of cases at commencement of year	11	18	29	5	1	6	35
Number of cases added during year	2	2	4	1	—	1	5
Number of cases removed during year	1	2	3	—	—	—	3
Number of cases remaining on register at end of year	12	18	30	5	1	6	36

No action has been called for under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

SECTION F

FACTORY ACTS, 1937 and 1948

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of			M/c line No. (7)
			Inspections (4)	Written notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted (6)	
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities **	1	29	150	2	—	1
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ..	2	58	241	2	—	2
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority † (excluding outworkers' premises) ..	3	10	30	—	—	3
Total ..		97	421	4	—	

FACTORY ACTS, 1937 and 1948

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

Particulars	M/c line No.	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecu- tions were in- stituted (7)	M/c line No. (8)
		Found (3)	Remedied (4)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (5)	By H.M. Inspector (6)		
(1)	(2)						
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	4	6	6	—	1	—	4
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	5	—	—	—	—	—	5
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..	6	—	—	—	—	—	6
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ..	7	1	1	—	—	—	7
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ..	8	—	—	—	—	—	8
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)							
(a) insufficient ..	9	—	—	—	—	—	9
(b) Unsuitable or defective ..	10	2	2	—	—	—	10
(c) Not separate for sexes ..	11	—	—	—	—	—	11
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ..	12	—	—	—	1	—	12
Total ..	60	9	9	—	2	—	60

* e.g. Metropolitan Borough, County Borough, Borough, Urban District, Rural District.

† i.e. Electrical Stations (Section 103(1)), Institutions (Section 104) and sites of Building Operations and Works of Engineering Construction (Sections 107 and 108).

** Wide differences exist in the lists kept respectively by the Local Authorities and H.M.Inspectors of Factories of the numbers of factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 of the Factories Acts, 1937 are enforced by Local Authorities. It is requested therefore that Local Authorities should, as soon as can conveniently be arranged, compare their lists of factories with the lists kept by H.M. Inspectors of Factories.

PART VIII OF THE ACT OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work	M/c line No.	Section 110 No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 110 (1) (c) 1
Wearing apparel—Making, etc.	13

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